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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, EG, US SUBJECT: EGYPT AND SFM

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- 1. APPRECIATE REFTEL AND WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT.
- 2. I DID NOT SAY THAT OUR RELATIONS WITH EGYPTIAN MILITARY POLICE HAD "BLOOMED INTO A MAJOR PROBLEM". I REFERRED TO IT AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH WE ARE HAVING IN CONDUCTING THAT PORTION OF OUR BUSINESS WHICH REQUIRES US TO PASS INTO AND OUT OF EGYPT.
- 3. WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ISSUE AND, PARTICULARLY, TO PROVIDE SOME SORT OF ID CARDS FOR THE WIVES IN CAIRO.
- 4. HAVE READ AND APPRECIATE PARA 6 REFTEL. WE OFTEN REFLECT THAT ONE'S PHYSICAL ENVIRONMDNXOFTEN HAS SOME EFFECT ON ONE'S PERCEPTIONS. WE HAVE JUST COME THROUGH A TWO DAY SANDSTORM DURING WHICH TEMPERATURES IN THE BARRACKS CLIMBED TO 105 DEGREES F. AND WE HAVE NOW BEEN 36 HOURS WITHOUT WATER. HOWEVER, WE APPRECIATE THE ADVICE IN PARA 6 REFTEL AND OUR REACTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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PARA 6A: WE AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

PARA 6B: WE HAVE HAD SOME PAINFUL EXPERIENCES WHILE SLOWLY COMING TO THIS CONCLUSION.

PARA 6C: WE THINK WE QUALIFY UNDER THIS SUBPARA, WITH CERTAIN ADDITIONAL ATTRIBUTES ACQUIRED ON THE THORNY PATH FROM A TO B.

 $4.\ I$ LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN ON MY RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, WHICH SHOULD BE ABOUT 26 APRIL. THORNE

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